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SUBJECT: IGGI (INTERGOVERNMENT GROUP FOR INDONESIA)
MEETING, 1978

REF: EMBASSY JAKARTA MEMCON OF DECEMBER 21

1. IN MEETING WITH BENGT SANDBERG, IBRD DESK OFFICER FOR
INDONESIA, HE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING REVIEW OF THE MAJOR
CONSIDERATIONS IN FINALIZING PLANS FOR THE 1978 IGGI
MEETING.

2. SANDBERG INDICATED THAT THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT HAD
INFORMALLY SUGGESTED THAT THE IBRD ASSUME FROM THE DUTCH
CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE IGGI, THUS BRINGING THE INDONESIAN
CONSORTIUM INTO THE USUAL PATTERN FOR SUCH GROUPS. ASKED
FOR THE PROCEDURE ON DECIDING THE CHAIRMANSHIP, HE SAID IT
WAS INITIALLY UP TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DUTCH AND
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INDONESIAN GOVERNMENTS AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN CONSULTATION
WITH THE OTHER MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. HE NOTED THAT IF DUTCH
CHAIRMANSHIP CONTINUES, THE MEETING WOULD CONTINUE TO BE
HELD IN AMSTERDAM. HOWEVER, IF THE BANK TAKES OVER, THE
VENUE WOULD BE SHIFTED TO PARIS WHERE THE BANK HAS THE
FACILITIES FOR HOLDING THE NUMEROUS CONSORTIA MEETINGS IT
CHAIRS.

3. REGARDING THE TIMING OF IGGI, SANDBERG NOTED THAT THIS DEPENDS IN LARGE MEASURE UPON THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE POSSIBLE CABINET CHANGES AFTER SUHARTO'S RE-ELECTION IN MARCH. HE THOUGHT THAT IF ECONOMIC MINISTER WIDJOJO AND BANK INDONESIA GOVERNOR RACHMAT SALEH REMAIN IN THOSE POSITIONS THE MEETING WOULD GO AHEAD IN MAY. HOWEVER, A CHANGE IN THOSE POSITIONS COULD CAUSE A POSTPONEMENT OF UNCERTAIN DURATION.

4. HOWEVER, IBRD PLANNING FOR A MAY MEETING IS PROCEEDING

ALTHOUGH IN A DIFFERENT MANNER THAN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. THE BANK'S ECONOMIC REPORT TO IGGI, LESS COMPREHENSIVE THAN USUAL, WILL BE PREPARED BY IBRD ECONOMIST PIETER BOTTELIER (DUTCH) WHO WILL BE TRAVELING TO JAKARTA TO GATHER DATA FOR THE REPORT WHICH NOW WILL BE WRITTEN IN WASHINGTON RATHER THAN JAKARTA.

5. AT LEAST PART OF THE REASON FOR THE "MINI-REPORT" FOR IGGI THIS YEAR IS THAT THE BANK IS VERY OCCUPIED WITH PREPARATION OF ITS FIRST COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC SURVEY ON INDONESIA IN A NUMBER OF YEARS. THIS WILL INCLUDE A NUMBER OF SPECIAL ANNEXES ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE COUNTRY'S KEY AGRICULTURE SECTOR. THIS MAJOR REPORT IS NOT SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION UNTIL FALL, BUT SOME DRAFTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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